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Chinese Refugees on Their Way To Shelter Behind City Walls

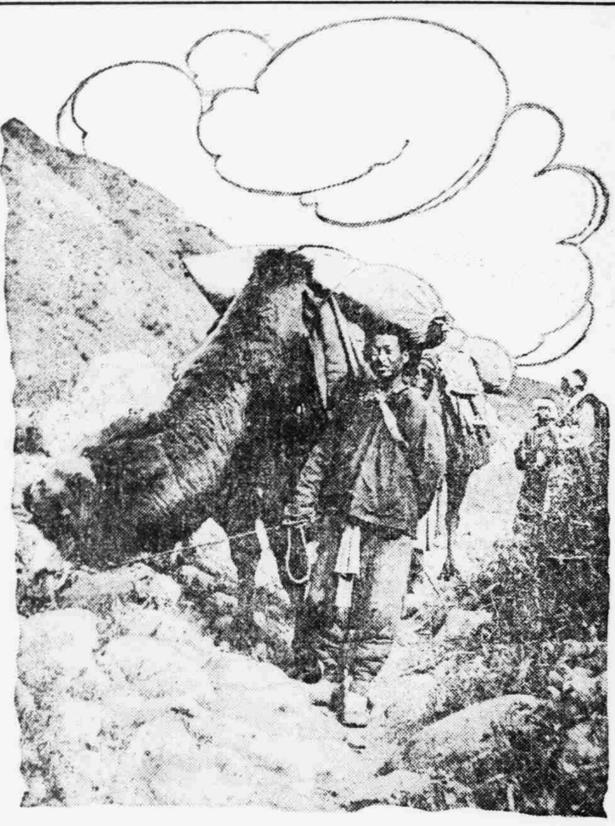


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HINA may yet find that her worst afflictions are not to be found in the bloodshed of battles and massacres. Dreadful as these are, their victims are to be numbered by thousands, but if the fears of some observers of the progress of the strife between revolutionists and reactionaries are realized the country will feel the far more dreadful scourge of famine, which slays its ten thousands or, as has sometimes happened in China, its hundreds of thousands. Already the cities are crowded with refugees, many of whom come, like the family pictured in the illustration, with all their scanty belongings on their own or their camels' backs, and the problem of feeding them-as in Shanghai, whose population has been thus increased by 200,000 in the last few weeks-is assuming formidable proportions.

Rules of Contest.

1. All collections made by contestants must be paid to the Contest Man ager or votes will not be allowed. 2. Subscribers are requested to demand a receipt for all money paid to

3. The Contest Manager's signature must be affixed to votes before same

4. Ballots can not be bought. The contest will be conducted on a fair per's. and square basis for all. Votes can be obtained only by securing subscriptions, either prepaid or renewals, or by sending the free ballot from the

 No employe of the Gold Leaf or member of his or her family will be allowed to participate in the contest either as a candidate or a voter. 6. Contestants will not be restricted to any territory, but may secure

7. Only one nominating coupon, entitling the nominee to one thousand mother saw the signs he confessed but was only away from work two

votes, will be allowed each contestant, 8. Votes cast on special prizes that will be offered in the contest will also the boys. She noticed that his coat a week?" a friend asked him. "You

time will be counted on special prizes. 9. Votes can not be transferred to another contestant

 Contestants must agree to accept all rules and conditions. Any contestant who becomes dissatisfied and tries to create discord in the contest, his or her name will be dropped from the list of contestants. 12 Any question that may arise between contestants will be settled by along." Some people expect to fall the Contest Manager and his decision will be final.

 The right is reserved to reject the name of any contestant for cause, also to alter these rules should occasion demand it.

 Under no condition will the nominator's name be divulged. 15. To all who enter this contest we guarantee fair treatment. No par-

tiality will be shown any contestant. The Contest Manager will always be ready to explain anything regarding this contest. Yours very truly,

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Schedule of Votes.

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(25) votes, provided they are cast within one week after date.

Dec. 27, 1911.

CONTEST MANAGER.

THE MAN WHO FAILED.

He Couldn't Understand Why, and Yet It Was Very Simple.

To the president of a wholesale drug concern came a druggist, a former classmate in a school of pharmacy. He had come on the bitter errand of confessing his inability to meet payments and to make artlement.

"It's no use," said the hard luck man: "I'm hoodooed. For twenty years I've been in the drug business. Four times I went to a section of the city that was rapidly building up and was first on the spot and built up a paving business. Goodness knows I didn't ask much. I didn't expect any marble counters and crystal shelves. A linen duster was good enough for me. Bless you, all I asked was to be let alone. But no sooner had I saved up so that I had \$700 or \$800 in the bank when along comes some fellow, rents the big store at the next corner, puts in green marble soda fountains and plate glass showcases, and inside of six months every customer I had is in the new shop, and I draw a balance out of my bank just big enough to let me move and start again. Can you beat that for hard

On the face of the listener there sat an expression part amusement, part impatience.

"Do you mean to tell me you call that hard luck?" he asked. "I call that stupidity! For twenty years you've been tripping over your own shoestrings, and each time you picked yourself up you hadn't sense enough to tie them. For twenty vears you've played sucker to the fellows, is a good place for your Republic. shops. I grew up with this trade, but you can come right in and take it from me. Everything is ready. and the bed is warmed.' Why, a man like you has no excuse for being in business. You ought to be a professor or a church tenor.

"I'll tell you what I'll do. When it comes to retail drug work I don't know the difference between a rubber nipple and a castor oil pill, but I'm going into partnership with you. We're going to open a drug store that is a drug store-not the kind run by the missionaries in the Fiji islands, but a real one, with mahogany counters and fixtures and a \$2,000 soda fountain and showcases with glass clear as crystal and tough enough to dance a jig on. We'll tog you up in a business suit, with a crease down the front of your breeches and a coat snuggling as close as it should at the collar. It may take us six or twelve months to come out even as to expense, maybe longer. That's all right. But for a hundred years no one'll have nerve to open a pill shop within a quarter mile radius of a drug shop like ours."-Saturday Evening

Indications.

"John," said Mrs. Blinks uneasily the other night, "I am very much afraid that my bank is in a bad

"Oh, nonsense, my dear Maria; nonsense!" said Blinks. "Why, it's one of the strongest financial institutions in the country. Whatever put that notion into your dear old

"Well, it's very funny," said Mrs. Blinks, still unconvinced; "they've just returned a check of mine for \$25 marked 'No funds.' "-Har-

Inviting Temptation.

Many people plan for defeat like the boy whose mother told him that he could not go swimming, but he did. When he returned and his bulged out. Putting her hand in. she pulled out his bathing suit. When confronted with it he said. "I was afraid that I might be tempted when I got there, so I took these and plan for it.

A Blow to the Intellect.

"Your husband is not looking well tonight, Mrs. Rhymer." "He isn't, and I'm not surprised

"No? Has he been overwork-

"It isn't that so much. It is his originality. Why, that man is struck by so many original ideas that his mind must be one mass of bruises." -Woman's Journal.

The Vernacular.

"You're a cool sort of a cuss, Stipson," said Jorrocks. "Here's this note of yours fell due last Friday, and as your indorser I've had to pay it, but you seem to think it's funny. You don't appear to be worrying at all."

"Oh, no," said Stipson. "What's the use? I discounted that long ago."-Harper's Weekly.

He met her one night at a reception and asked her to go to the theater with him. She accepted, and, as they liked each other, they went again later

Wise or innocent?

Then it got to be a weekly occurrence. Finally be got to thinking that he was solid enough with her to go out between the acts, and so he did. For several weeks he worked this and met with no rebuff. But she was thinking rangements for some sort of a set- a lot, even though she wasn't saying anything.

One evening she said, "Why don't you go to the smoking room to smoke instead of going to the lobby?"

"Is-is there a smoking room in side?" he asked.

"Of course. You always say that you are going out to smoke, and seems so useless to have to take your hat and coat every time. And if you thought of it beforehand you could buy those cigarettes that you seem to like-the ones that smell like cloves, you know-before you come."

He is wondering if she is as wise as it seems or as innocent as it appears .-Boston Traveler.

House Numbers.

Before the advent of the house number only business signs, coats of arms and house names marked the different buildings. Then, in London, for instance, one had to look for Mr. Jones, should be desire to call upon that man. in, say, "Whitechapel, not far from the Blue Boar." It is thought Berlin in 1795 was the first city to employ Creek, don't you?" the numbering system. The German innovators did not put odd numbers on one side of their streets and even numbers on the other. They merely started from the Brandenburg gate and numbered straight ahead, taking no account of change of street. As they proceeded, therefore, the numbers grew higher, the height to which they attained being limited only by the supply of houses. The first house they numbered was No. 1, the last the brotherhood of druggists. You number that betokened the total numblazed a trail and said: "Here, you ber of houses in the city.-St. Louis

An Author's Odd Aversion.

The "stoic" meal had attractions for Edward Fitzgerald, who, among his other peculiarities, hated to see people enjoying their food. On one occasion, after a man had finished a glass of wine in his company and gone out of the room, Fitzgerald remarked. with disgust: "Did you notice how he took up his glass? I am sure he likes it. Bah!" Fitzgerald himself, according to his biographer, Mr. A. C. Benson, "lived practically on bread and fruit, mostly apples and pears, even a turnip, with sometimes cheese or butter and milk puddings. But he was not a bigoted vegetarian. To avoid an appearance of singularity he would eat meat at other houses and provided it in plenty for his guests. But the only social meal he cared to join in was 'tea, pure and simple, with bread and butter."

Where Every One Is a "Majesty." Who are the politest people in Europe? If common speech is any criterion, surely the Spaniard must carry off the palm. The author of "Heroic Spain" tells of many high flown phrases still in common use. You bid farewell with "Beso a V. la mano" (1 kiss your hand) or "A los ples de V." (I am at your feet). The Usted, shortened to V., with which you address high or low, is a corruption of "your majesty." The love of abbreviations is a curious trait in a people with such leisurely ways; thus a row of cabalistic letters ends a letter: S. S. S. Q. B. S. M., which means that your correspondent kisses your hand-"su seguro servidor que besa su mano."

A King Who Could Change the Wind. King Erricus of Sweden publicly confessed that he was a sorcerer and magician. He was the owner of an enchanted cap, which he pretended enabled him to control the spirits and change the direction of the winds at pleasure. So firmly did his subjects believe in the supernatural powers of their ruler that when a storm arose they would exclaim, "Ah, the king is again wearing his magic cap!"-Lon-

Not Carrying It.

An Irishman met with an accident. that he was tempted and went with days. "Why didn't you stay home for

"I was not." said the Irishman. "The day of the accident I left it home in the bureau drawer"

Synonym. "Say," asked Coakley, looking up from the letter he was writing, "do you know any expression that means the same as 'talking shop?"

"Well," replied Joakley, "there is 'tonsorial emporium' and likewise 'hair cutting parlor."-Catholic Standard and Times.

Mrs. Posey-Mercy, Hiram! Them

awful society women dress like they was goin' swimmin'. Mr. Posey-()' course. Jerusha. Hain't you heard th't in th' soshul swim th' cimmen try to outstrip each other?-Milwaukee News

Explaining It.

As Usual.

Jokely-I got a batch of aeroplane jokes ready and sent them out last week. Boggs-What luck did you have with them? Jokely-Oh, they all came flying back.-Lippincott's.

Sensitive. Stranger (in Pittsburg)-Do you have

aldermen at large in this city? Native (irritably)-Oh, try that stuff in vaudeville!-Puck.

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> which is a self-filler and absolutely can't leak. Come in and get one.

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Where He Wanted to Go.

A man went into the ticket office of the Colorado Midland railway recently and said to the ticket agent, "I want to get a ticket to Lame Water

"To what place?" asked the perplexed ticket man.

"Lame Water. It's a mining camp. The agent put his head in his hands and thought deeply a moment. "Oh." he said finally, "you mean Cripple

"Yes, that's the place," said the man "I got it wrong." - Denver Post

Notice.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Vance county, in a special proceeding pending therein, entitled Thos. H. Reavis and others vs. Mary Mayes and others. I shall on Thursday, the 28th day of December, 1911, re-sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Henderson. N. C., the notes, accounts and books belonging to the estate of the late W. W. Reavis.

This 2nd day of December, 1911. THOMAS J. HASKINS. Commissioner

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